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SUBJECT: PRESS ACCOUNT OF "COMMUNIST" POLICE TORTURE
UNDER MAKARIOS REGIME

1. STEPHEN TERRELL, PAST PRESIDENT OF BRITISH LIBERAL PARTY, AND PROMINENT LAWYER, HAS ARTICLE IN THE TIMES AUGUST 1. IT IS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF POLICE BRUTALITY, TORTURE OF PRISONERS AND INTIMIDATION OF THE JUDICIARY UNDER MAKARIOS' GOVERNMENT. SUCH ACTIVITY WAS JUSTIFIED TO TERRELL AS NECESSARY TO GET INFORMATION ON EOKA B FROM TOUGH SUSPECTS.

2. NEEDLESS TO SAY, TERRELL DISAPPROVES, AND SO INDICATES IN ARTICLE. (HE ALSO DESCRIBES JUDICIAL MALPRAC-
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TICE IN CASE HE CAME TO CYPRUS TO DEFEND, THE PROSECU-

TION OF NEWSPAPER EDITOR FOR PUBLISHING REPORT OF
MAKARIOS' PURCHASE OF LAND ESTATE IN SEYCHELLES.)

3. IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH US WHICH HE INITIATED,
TERRELL RECOGNIZED CHARGES OF SIMILAR TORTURE HAVE LONG
BEEN LEVELED AT THE OTHER SIDE'S BACKERS, THE GREEK
MILITARY REGIME (THOUGH NOT AT CYPRIOT EOKA B ITSELF).
HE DISAPPROVES OF TORTURE IN GREECE TOO, TERRELL SAYS,
BUT THAT DOES NOT JUSTIFY IT IN CYPRUS.

4. SIMILAR STORY WAS REPORTED TO US RECENTLY BY GEOFFREY
GARRETT, ANOTHER LAWYER WHO VISITED CYPRUS BEFORE TER-
RELL, ON BEHALF OF ORGANIZATION CALLED "JUSTICE" AND WITH
BLESSINGS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS.

5. CENTRAL POLITICAL MESSAGE OF TERRELL AND GARRETT IS
THAT MAKARIOS' BACKERS WERE THE COMMUNISTS, AND HIS
BLACK-BERETED TRU SHOCK TROOPS (WHOM TERRELL DESCRIBES
AS LITTLE MORE THAN THUGS) WERE ALSO RECRUITED FROM
COMMUNIST PARTY. COMMUNIST THREAT IS EXPLICIT IN AC-
COUNTS BY BOTH MEN.

6. COMMENT: WE REPORT THIS HERE TO INDICATE SOME OF
TLR COUNTERCURRENTS INVOLVED IN COMPLICATED CYPRUS SITUA-
TION, PARTICULARLY AS ATTACHES TO POSSIBLE RETURN OF
MAKARIOS HIMSELF.

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